## Eat This – Not That!

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# EAT THIS NOT THAT



#### How to enjoy foods and cut calories

#### **Dining Out**

- Choose healthier menu options
- Avoid over-sized portions

#### At Home

- Make healthier grocery decisions
- Make lower-calorie substitutions

## Making Healthy Choices

#### The "health halo"



- People tend to overindulge when they believe a food is "healthy"
  - Subjects ate 49% more (21% more calories) when consuming "low-fat" granola
  - High % of Subway diners went ahead with the extras (chips, cookies, sodas) because they believed meal to be healthier
- Underestimate calories of "healthy" foods
  - Average Subway diner thought consumed 495 calories (in reality 677 calories – 34% difference) vs.
  - McDonald's diners fairly accurate with calorie estimates

#### Lies, lies, lies

- □ Difficult to know if truly making a "healthy" choice
- Food companies and restaurants use language to make things appear healthier
  - Mission Garden Spinach Herb Wraps No Spinach! (2% "spinach powder" & food dyes Yellow #5 and Blue #1
  - Wendy's Natural-Cut Fries Full of preservatives, added sugars and hydrogenated oils!
  - Quaker 100% Natural Granola Oats, Honey & raisins contains more sugar that a bowl of cocoa pebbles and as many calories as 8 chicken wings!

#### What's in a word?

- □ Natural —no regulation
- Reduced Only has to contain 25% less of the nutrient (calories, fat, sodium, etc) than the original
- □ **Light** Only has to contain 1/3 less of the original
- Weight Watchers, Lean Cuisine
  - Have "larger portion" diet meals
- Healthy Choice
  - Some entrees high in calories & sodium

## How do we know what we are eating?

- READ LABELS!!
  - Always pay attention to serving sizes & servings per container
- Some states now require chain restaurants to post calorie counts next to menu items
  - Can look up most chains nutritional info online

Serving Size 1 oz. (28g/About 21 pieces Servings Per Container About 2 Amount Per Serving		
	% Da	ily Value
Total Fat 11g		17%
Saturated Fat 1.5g		8%
Trans Fat 0g		
Cholesterol 0mg		0%
Sodium 250mg		10%
<b>Total Carbohy</b>	drate 14g	5%
Dietary Fiber less than 1g		29
Sugars 0g		~ II

 Buy & cook it yourself you should always know what you are getting

## Eating Out vs. Home

### Eating Out vs. Home

- 50% of meals consumed out of the home
  - 1 in 5 breakfasts are from McDonalds
- People consume 500 calories more on days they eat fast food than days they don't
- The average entrée at a sit-down restaurant contains 345 more calories than an entrée from a fast-food restaurant

### Ingredients: Out vs. Home

#### **BIG MAC BUN**

Enriched flour (bleached wheat flour, malted barley flour, niacin, reduced iron, thiamin mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid), water, high fructose corn syrup and/or sugar, yeast, soybean oil and/or canola oil, contains 2% or less of the following: salt, wheat gluten, calcium sulfate, calcium carbonate, ammonium sulfate, ammonium chloride, dough conditioners (may contain one or more of the following: sodium stearoyl lactylate, datem, ascorbic acid, azodicarbonamide, mono- and diglycerides, ethoxylated monoglycerides, monocalcium phosphate, enzymes, guar gum, calcium peroxide), sorbic acid, calcium propionate and/or sodium propionate (preservatives), soy lecithin, sesame seed.

#### PASTEURIZED PROCESS AMERICAN CHEESE

Milk, Cream, Water, Cheese Culture, Sodium Citrate, Contains 2% or Less of: Salt, Citric Acid, Sodium Phosphate, Sorbic Acid (Preservative), Lactic Acid, Acetic Acid, Enzymes, Sodium Pyrophosphate, Natural Flavor (Dairy Source), Color Added, Soy Lecithin (Added for Slice Separation).

#### **BIG MAC PICKLE SLICES**

Cucumbers, Water, Distilled Vinegar, Salt, Calcium Chloride, Alum, Potassium Sorbate (Preservative), Natural Flavors (Plant Source), Polysorbate 80, Extractives of Turmeric (Color). MCDONALD'S GRILLED

#### **CHICKEN FILLET**

Chicken breast fillet with rib meat, water, seasoning (rice starch, salt, sugar, yeast extract, canola oil, onion powder, maltodextrin, chicken skin, paprika, flavor, sunflower oil, chicken, garlic powder, chicken fat, spices), sodium phosphates.

Prepared with Liquid Margarine: Liquid soybean oil and hydrogenated cottonseed and soybean oils, water, partially hydrogenated soybean oil, salt, soy lecithin, mono-and diglycerides, sodium benzoate and potassium sorbate (preservatives), artificial flavor, citric acid, vitamin A palmitate, beta carotene (color).

#### PEPPERIDGE FARM BUNS 100% WHOLE WHEAT

Whole Wheat Flour, Water, Wheat Gluten, High Fructose Corn Syrup, Yeast, Soybean Oil, Contains 2% or Less of Salt, Datem (Dough Conditioner), Monoglycerides, Nonfat Milk (Adds a Trivial Amount of Cholesterol), Wheat Protein Isolate, Calcium Propionate, (to Retard Spoilage) and Enzymes.

#### LAND O LAKES CHEDDAR CHEESE SLICE

Cultured Pasteurized Reduced Fat Milk, Salt, Enzymes, Annatto (color), Vitamin A Palmitate

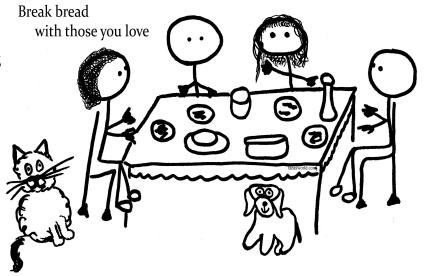
#### **DEL MONTE, WHOLE SWEET PICKLES**

Selected Cucumbers, Water, Salt, Acetic Acid, Dill, Garlic, Pepper.

#### **CHICKEN BREAST**

## Family Meals

- Children who have regular meals with parents
  - less obese
  - get better grades
  - have healthier relationships
  - stay out of more trouble
    - 42% less likely to drink
    - 50% less likely to smoke
    - 66% less likely to smoke marijuana



## The Healthy Choice – Dining Out

#### **Burgers**

#### Steak 'n Shake Double Steakburger with Cheese

440 calories 25g fat (11g saturated, 1g trans) 590 mg sodium



Save 233 calories, 18g fat!

## Five Guys Little Cheeseburger with Lettuce, Tomato, Onions and Mayo

673 calories
43g fat (17g saturated)
772 mg sodium



### A "better" burger

- Order junior size or regular
- Choose whole wheat bun if available
- □ Try a veggie patty
- Load up with low-calories condiments
  - ketchup, tomatoes, pickles, mustard
- Skip the high-calorie condiments
  - Cheese, mayo, "special sauce"
- Watch the sides!
  - Go for side salads, baked potato, fruits
  - Skip fries, sodas, chips, cookies

#### Pizza

## Domino's Artisan Italian Sausage & Pepper Trio (2 slices)

320 calories24g fat (5g saturated)660 mg sodium



Save 220 calories, 12g fat!

#### Pizza Hut Italian Sausage & Red Onion Pan Pizza (2 slices)

540 calories 26g fat (9g saturated) 1,120 mg sodium



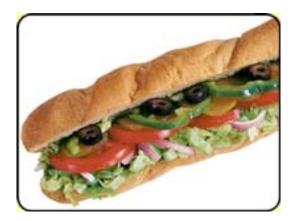
## A "better" pizza

- Try a vegetarian option load up on peppers, mushrooms, onions, and other veggies.
  - Avoid the added pepperoni, sausage, and meats
- Go for thin crust varieties versus thick and deep dish
- To further lower fat and calories ask for half the cheese or try a "cheese-less" pie
- Round out your plate & fill up your stomach with veggies or salad with low-cal dressing!

#### Sub

#### Subway Veggie Delight on 9-Grain bread with provolone cheese (12")

356 calories13g fat (5g saturated)810 mg sodium



Save 830 calories, 47g fat!

## Blimpie Special Vegetarian Sub (12")

1,186 calories 60g fat (19g saturated) 3,532 mg sodium



#### A "better" sub

- Choose veggies or lean deli meats, such as turkey
  - Limit higher fat cold cuts, such as bologna
- □ Go easy on additions like oil, mayonnaise
  - Instead load up on lettuce and tomato as fillings
- □ Ask for less cheese or no cheese
- Request the salad dressing on the side so you can control the amount
- Choose a whole grain roll
- Ask for a small serving if available or split a sub with a friend

#### Salads

#### Panera Bread Asian Sesame Chicken Salad

255 calories14g fat (2g saturated)640 mg sodium



Save 715 calories, 54g fat!

## P.F. Chang's Chicken Chopped Salad

940 calories 68g fat (10g saturated) 2,225 mg sodium



#### A "better" salad

- Avoid salads with eggs, bacon, ham, cheese, creamy pasta & potato salads, and croutons
- Realize most dressings are high in fat
  - Ask if low fat dressings are available; if not, substitute with lemon juice, vinegar, and pepper
- Always ask for dressings on the side
- Taste tip: dip fork in dressing for flavor instead of pouring over salads.

#### **Breakfast Sandwich**

#### McDonald's Egg McMuffin

300 calories12g fat (5g saturated)820 mg sodium



Save 480 calories, 39g fat!

#### Hardee's Loaded Breakfast Burrito

780 calories 51g fat (20g saturated) 1,620 mg sodium



#### A "better" breakfast

- □ Try egg whites
- Always choose whole grain bread if possible
- Skip the hash browns and juice
  - Get a side of fruit instead
- Better yet keep easy to grab 'n go breakfasts at home or the office!
  - Greek yogurt, hard boiled eggs, Protein/Nut bar

## Dining out tips

- Don't go starving
- Fill up on the vegetables first, lean proteins second and then the carbs and "treats"
  - Vegetables ~1/3 calories of protein/carbs try ordering double veg in place of starch
  - Protein will help you feel full faster and loner
- Avoid the free items (bread, chips, etc)
  - Can add hundreds of calories to your meal!
- Watch the booze!
  - Some mixed drinks have 500+ calories
  - Drinking lowers inhibitions = higher food intake

### Pay attention to the description

#### Indicate high calorie, high fat

- creamed
- crispy
- □ fried
- breaded
- a la king
- carbonara
- tempura
- fritters
- Alfredo
- au gratin
- au buerre
- batter-dipped
- béarnaise, béchamel and hollandaise

#### Indicate lower calorie, lower fat

- baked
- broiled
- Grilled
- steamed

\*these are still usually served with butter or sauce, ask for it plain or get it on the side and use in moderation

## **Avoiding Portion Distortion**

## Portion Distortion

What you're served



1/2 lb. cheeseburger, French fries, 3/4 cup ketchup, tomato slice and lettuce.

1,345 calories 53 grams fat

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Americans are the heaviest of people in developed countries. The U.S. surgeon general has called obesity a national epidemic.
- 61 percent of Americans are overweight.
- Consuming an extra 100 calories daily for a year, without using them up, can lead to a weight gain of 10 pounds.
- Every gram of carbohydrate or protein equals 4 calories.

What's one serving



1/4 lb. cheeseburger, half the French fries, 2 tablespoons ketchup, tomato slice and lettuce.

685 calories 33 grams fat



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- $\blacksquare$  The number of overweight people in the world -1.1 billion now equals the number of undernourished people.
- With each decade as we age, we need 100 fewer calories per day.
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 $\square$  Tip: Ask to have  $\frac{1}{2}$  your meal boxed up before it is brought to the table

## The Healthy Choice – At Home

#### Where it all begins

- □ Good: Grocery
  - Shop perimeters = most nutrient dense, least processed
  - READ LABELS!!!
  - Always come with a list and a plan
- □ Better: Farmers Markets/CSA/You Pick
  - All over central Ohio, especially in summer



Best: Home or Community Garden

<u>http://local-matters.org/fresh-connect</u> - complete listing of farmers markets, CSA, You Pick, Community Gardens

## At the Grocery - Produce

- Hit it first and spend the most time in this section!
- Aim for a rainbow of fruits and vegetables
- Shop the weekly specials!
- To save time get pre-cut produce
  - More likely to eat it and less wasted food
- Choose fresh/frozen over canned
  - Watch for sauces/additives in frozen



## At the Grocery - Grains

- Choose least processed/ingredients
- Get whole grain!!
  - Watch out for misleading labels!
  - "Made with whole grains", "Whole Wheat Bread" "100% Wheat" = misleading
  - Look for whole \_\_\_\_\_ (grain) as first item on ingredient list
  - For cereals, aim for at least 4g fiber/serving and the lower the sugar the better
- Try other whole grains
  - Oats, brown/wild rice, quinoa, bulger, barley, etc.
  - Bulk bins = cheapest choice

### Tortilla Wraps

#### **Smart & Delicious Tortillas**

80 calories
3g fat (0g saturated)
12g fiber



Save 130 calories, 3g fat!

#### Mission Wraps Multi-Grain

210 calories6g fat (1.5g saturated)7g fiber



Make this switch every day for 1 year = 13 pounds lost!!!

#### The Great Cereal Spectrum

(from Eat This Not That)



**BEST:** Fiber One Original

**GREAT:** Kix, Cheerios, Grape-Nuts, Kashi GoLean, Shredded Wheat Original, Organic Smart Bran

**GOOD:** Life Cereal Original, Corn Flakes, Kashi Go Lean Crunch!, Wheaties, Kashi Autumn Wheat

**FAIR:** Quaker Natural Granola, Smart Start Strong Heart, Rice Krispies, Frosted Mini-Wheats, Raisin Bran

**BAD:** Honey Smacks; Lucky Charms; Froot Loops; Trix; Frosted Flakes with Fiber, Less Sugar; EnviroKidz Organic Koala Crisp

**WORST:** Golden Crisp

#### At the Grocery – Meat, Fish, Poultry

- Go with lean cuts of meat
  - i.e. round, top, sirloin, tenderloin
- Ground Turkey not always better!
  - Always look at fat % (aim for 90% lean or more for any ground meat)
- □ Go with skinless chicken/turkey
- □ Choose fish 2x/week
  - Salmon = great choice for heart health, high in O-3's
  - Typically wild better than farm
  - Buy frozen but watch sauces/additives



## Beef vs. Turkey



- □ Ground Beef 80/20 = 284 calories 23g fat Ground Beef 90/10 = 197 calories, 11g fat
- □ Ground Turkey 80/20 = 230 calories, 17g fat Ground Turkey 90/10 = 160 calories, 9g fat
- Current red meat recommendations are to limit red meat consumption to less than 18oz/week

## At the Grocery - Dairy



- Low-fat usually better
  - Some low-fat/fat-free higher in sugar, calories read labels!!
- □ Full fat OK too − just use moderation
  - Serving size for cheese = 1 oz (size of your thumb or 2 dice)
- Choose your ice creams wisely
  - Double churned =  $\frac{1}{2}$  the calories, tastes great
  - Some frozen yogurts equal to ice cream in calories, sugars

#### Great Products:

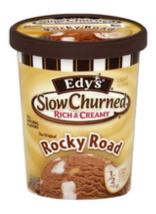


- Greek yogurt (Fage, Chobani) high in protein/calcium, lower in sugar/calories
- Frozen Greek yogurt (Stoneyfield Oikos) higher protein, low cal
- Almond milk high in calcium, lower in sugar/calories

### Ice Cream

### Edy's Slow Churned Rocky Road (1/2 cup)

120 calories4g fat (2g saturated)12g sugars



Save 240 calories, 20g fat!

### Haagen-Dazs Chocolate Peanut Butter (1/2 cup)

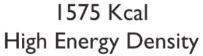
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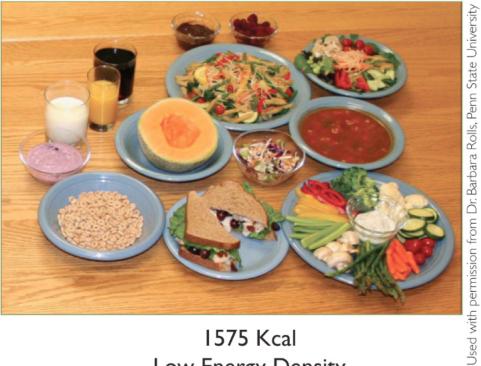


# Lower Calorie Choices

## Feel full with fewer calories!



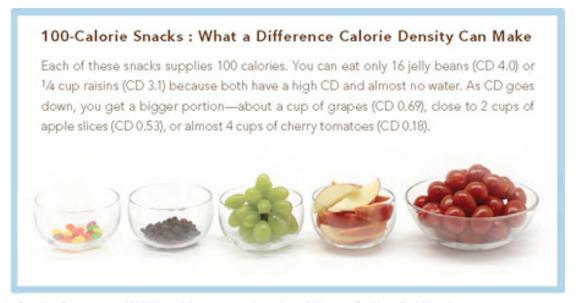




1575 Kcal Low Energy Density

## **Volumetrics**

 Barbara Rolls concept – choose less calorie dense foods so can eat more



Credit: Courtesy of William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publications.

## Veg out

- Fruits & Vegetables = 1/3 the calories of protein and starches
  - Considered free (0 points) on new Weight Watchers



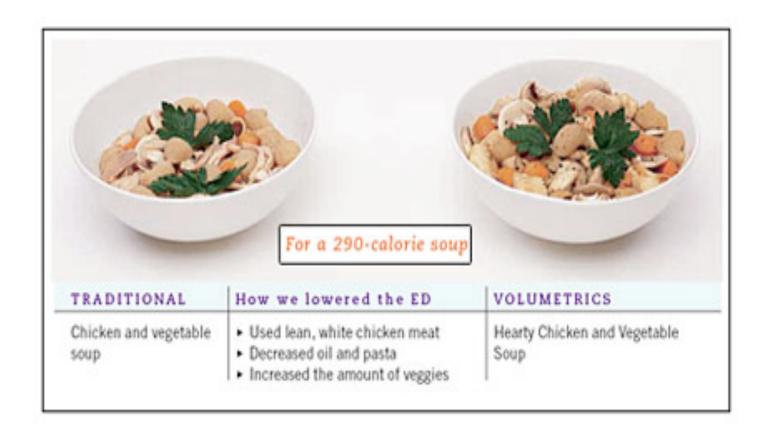
- Plant foods contain phytonutrients = powerful cancer fighting and health promoting nutrients
  - Include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, seeds, beans, and legumes

# Adding Veggies...

 Put frozen or fresh vegetables in anything you are cooking do decrease the caloric density



- Soups, stews (frozen mixed veggies)
- Sandwiches, wraps, pizzas (sliced peppers, onions, lettuce, tomato)
- Pastas, Spaghettis (diced mushrooms, onions, peppers, or shredded/mashed zucchinis, red peppers, carrots in the sauce)
- Eggs, omelets (peppers, onions, broccoli, any leftovers!)



Source: The Volumetrics Eating Plan, Barbara Rolls

# Tips to decrease calories



### Go halfsies

■ Find some of the highest-calorie ingredients and cut them in half. Is your cookie recipe super sweet? Cut the sugar by half. Does your favorite stir-fry call for a cup of cashews? Switch to half of a cup.

### Make the switch to lean meats

Whether you are making hamburger patties, meatloaf, sloppy joes, casseroles, meatballs or pasta sauce, you will be pleased with the low-calorie version of your favorite meals.

### Remove the skin from your poultry

- Also, choose the leaner cuts of poultry like breasts instead of legs and thighs.
- Broil, grill or bake instead of fry
- Pump up the spices

## Healthier cooking substitutions

Substitution

1 whole egg 2 egg whites or commercial substitution product

sour cream low fat plain Greek yogurt or low fat sour cream

milk skim milk; low fat soy or rice milk

Buttermilk fat free buttermilk or 1 tbsp. lemon with 1 cup of milk

heavy cream (not for whipping) 1:1 ratio of flour whisked into non-fat milk

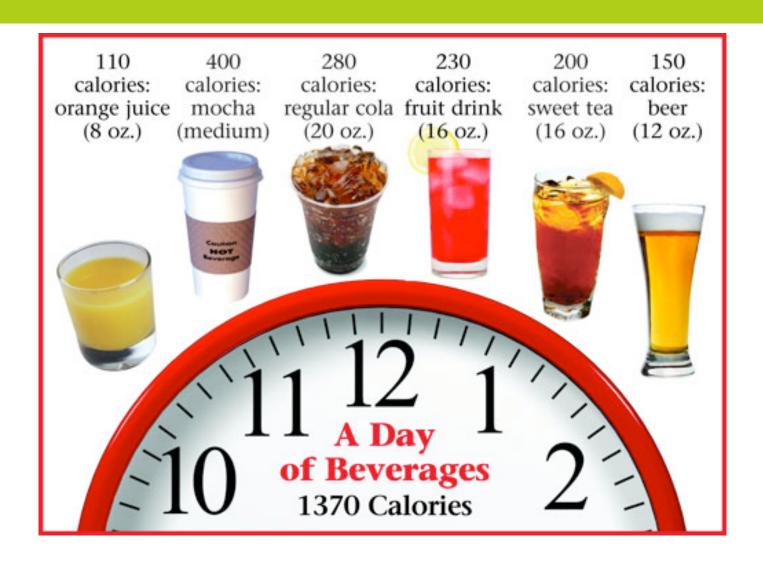
whipped cream chilled evaporated skim milk or low fat whipped cream

butter or vegetable oil  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup apple sauce plus 2 tbsp. canola oil for every cup of (for baking)  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup apple sauce plus 2 tbsp. canola oil for every cup of oil/butter

butter or vegetable oil olive oil or canola oil "non-stick spray (for browning)

cream of mushroom low-fat cream of mushroom

# Don't Forget the Drinks!



# Questions??



## **THANK YOU!!**

### 50 Easy Ways to Cut 100 Calories

#### Beverages

- 1. Split a 20 oz. bottle of regular soda with a friend. Save 120 calories!
- 2. Drink I cup of diet soda instead of 1 cup of regular soda. Save 97 calories!
- 3. Swap a 12-oz. glass of whole milk for skim milk. Save 96 calories!
- 4. Drink two 12-oz. light beers this weekend instead of two regular beers. Save 100 calories!
- 5. Instead of 1 cup of prepared lemonade, try 1 cup of a sugar free variety. Save 103 calories!
- 6. Eat a medium orange instead of drinking 12 oz. of fresh orange juice. Save 106 calories!
- 7. Prepare your coffee with 4 oz. of fat-free half and half instead of regular half and half. Save 88 calories!
- 8. Enjoy 5 oz. of chocolate milk instead of 5 oz. of a chocolate milkshake Save 110 calories!

#### Breakfast

- 9. Spread your whole grain waffles with 2 tablespoons of maple syrup instead of 1 tablespoon of margarine or butter. *Save 110 calories!*
- 10. Top your whole grain bagel with 1.5 oz of fat-free cream cheese in lieu of regular. Save 108 calories!
- 11. Try 1 oz. of maple turkey bacon instead of maple (pork) bacon. Save 118 calories!
- 12. Ditch the glazed donut and eat a bagel instead. Save 93 calories!
- 13. Eat 3/4 cup oatmeal instead of a 1-1/2 cups of oatmeal. Save 97 calories!
- 14. Substitute 3 oz. of turkey sausage for a serving of pork sausage. Save 120 calories!
- 15. Grab a small bagel instead of a medium bagel. Save 99 calories!

#### Snacks and Sides

- 16. Dip 1 cup celery into your favorite salsa or hummus instead of 1 oz. of tortilla chips. Save 125 calories!
- 17. Eat an entire medium apple instead of a small (5 oz.) candy apple. Save 118 calories!
- 18. Snack on 1 oz. of baked potato chips instead of regular chips. Save 90 calories!
- 19. Better yet, eat 2 oz. pretzels instead of the same size portion of potato chips. Save 94 calories!
- 20. Bake 2 oz of oven fries in lieu of 2 oz. of fast food fries. Save 88 calories!
- 21. Forgo a 6-oz portion of potato chips and nosh on 6 oz. of tortilla chips instead. Save 96 calories!
- 22. Say no to 1 oz of deep-fried onion rings and instead enjoy 1 oz. of grilled onions with your meal. Save 92 calories!
- 23. Try 1.5 oz. of fresh grapes instead of 1.5 oz. of raisins. Save 98 calories!
- 24. Enjoy a healthy 8-oz. baked potato instead of 8 oz. of French fries. Save 104 calories!
- 25. Choose 3 oz. of mozzarella cheese for your sandwich instead of Swiss cheese. Save 108 calories!
- 26. Swap 1 cup of canned pineapple in heavy syrup for crushed pineapple in water. Save 119 calories!

#### Lunch and Dinner

- 27. Cut a 6 oz. steak in half and take the other portion home for another meal. Save 111 calories!
- 28. Order a skinless chicken breast instead of chicken with skin. Save 102 calories!
- 29. Substitute a fat-free beef hot dog for a regular beef hot dog. Save 104 calories!
- 30. Build a sandwich with 1.5 oz. of deli turkey breast instead of an equivalent of hard salami. Save 119 calories!
- 31. Instead of 6 oz. of crispy fried chicken with skin, eat 6 oz. baked chicken with skin. Save 102 calories!
- 32. Choose a slice of thin crust pizza over thick crust pizza. Save 106 calories!
- 33. Add vegetable toppings to your pizza order and say no to pepperoni. Save 100 calories!

- 34. Forget broccoli cheddar soup. A 7-oz portion of vegetable soup is better. Save 119 calories!
- 35. Enjoy 12 oz of steamed rice (choose brown rice when possible) as an alternative to fried rice. Save 96 calories!
- 36. Unwrap your 13-inch tortilla wrap and make a sandwich on a 3-oz. whole grain bagel instead. Save 96 calories!
- 37. Eat only half of your hamburger or sandwich bun. Save 100 calories!

#### **Condiments and Sauces**

- 38. Dip your salad in a side of ranch dressing (2 tsp.) instead of pouring 2 Tbsp of dressing on the salad. Save 97 calories!
- 39. Skip the 5 oz. of Alfredo sauce and eat a whopping 7 oz. of marinara sauce. Save 129 calories!
- 40. Add flavor to vegetables with 3 oz. of hot sauce—not 1 oz of bleu cheese dressing. Save 117 calories!
- 41. Top your salad with 1.5 oz. reduced-fat Italian dressing instead of regular. Save 96 calories!
- 42. Try either cheese or croutons on your salad—not both Save 72-116 calories!
- 43. Instead of 3 oz. of regular sour cream, use a fat-free variety. Save 120 calories!
- 44. Use 2 Tbsp reduced-fat light mayonnaise instead of regular mayonnaise. Save 102 calories!

#### **Sweets and Desserts**

- 45. Serve ice cream in a dish instead of a waffle cone. Save 121 calories!
- 46. Try a healthier peanut granola bar instead of a peanut candy bar. Save 94 calories!
- 47. Finish dinner with 1 cup of low-fat frozen yogurt instead of regular ice cream. Save 121 calories!
- 48. Substitute 5 oz. of apple pie, with 5 oz. of baked apple crisp. Save 85 calories!
- 49. Instead of 4 oz. of regular chocolate pudding, enjoy a sugar-free portion. Save 92 calories!
- 50. Leave that 1/2 cup of strawberry ice cream in the freezer. Enjoy 1/2 cup of fresh strawberries topped with 2 Tbsp of fat-free whipped cream as an alternative. *Save 102 calories!*

### How to Navigate the Supermarket

The supermarket can be overwhelming with so many aisles and different kinds of foods. But, finding the healthiest foods in the supermarket doesn't have to be difficult. With a few simple tips, you'll be on your way to finding the best foods for you!



Before you get to the supermarket, you can already be on your way to choosing healthy foods. Making a list at home and sticking to it can save you time and money once you get to the store.

Once you arrive at the supermarket, start shopping on the perimeter of the store. The four outside aisles will have all of your dairy, fresh produce, meats and breads. By shopping the perimeter of the store first, you can stock your carriage with lots of healthy, tasty fruits and vegetables, low fat or non-fat milk, cheese, and yogurt, whole grain breads, and lean cuts of meat, poultry and fish.



After you have shopped the perimeter of the store, use your list to navigate the rest of the aisles. Keep in mind that the foods that are usually the most expensive will be at eye level. Look above and below center shelves on the aisles to find great, healthy foods.

#### **Choosing the Healthiest Foods**

The Nutrition Facts Label will be your best guide to choose the healthiest packaged foods.

- 2. Checking the Calories next will tell you the number of calories in the serving size listed above.
- 4. Look at the Fiber content of the food you are choosing. Aim for 25-35 grams of fiber per day. Any food with more than 5 grams of fiber per serving is a good choice for fiber.



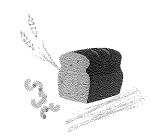
- 1. Look at Serving Size and Servings Per Container. This will tell you what the nutrition facts are based on for one serving. If you choose to eat more than the serving size listed, you will be taking in more calories, fat and nutrients.
- **3.** Check the **Saturated Fat** and **Trans Fat** content of the food. Look for foods that have 0 grams Trans Fat, and choose foods lowest in Saturated Fat.

#### **Checking the Ingredients List**

Looking at the Ingredient List of a packaged food can also help you decide on the healthiest choices in the supermarket.

#### Whole Grains

When choosing breads, cereals, rice and pasta, look for whole grain versions. Some packages may say "Multigrain" or "Made with Whole Grains" but by reading the ingredient list, you can tell for certain if the food is whole grain. Look for the word "whole" as the first word in the ingredient list. True whole grain products list as the main ingredient Whole Wheat, Whole Oats, Whole Rye, or some other whole grain. Try to make more of your grains every day whole grains!



#### Added Sugars

While many foods naturally contain sugar, such as fruit, there are many foods where sugar is added to make it sweeter. It may not always be obvious which foods have added sugars, so reading the Ingredient List can help you identify these foods. Words such as Sugar, High Fructose Corn Syrup, Molasses, Dextrose, Syrup, Honey, Fructose, and Malt Syrup mean that sugar has been added to the food. Try and choose foods with little or no added sugars for best health.

#### Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil

Although food companies are making strides to improve their products, some products (ie: crackers, cookies, pastries) still contain "partially hydrogenated vegetable oil," which are Trans Fats. Try to avoid these products.

#### **Ingredient List Length**

As a general rule, choosing foods with a short ingredient list have the least added ingredients. However, this does not necessarily mean these are the healthiest foods. When choosing frozen fruits and vegetables, choose those without added sugar, fat or salt.

With these tips, you're ready to head the supermarket and find the healthiest foods!



### BETTER FAST FOOD CHOICES

Here's a guide for when you need a quick meal. Limit the foods in the left column and choose from foods in the right column. Here are some other tips to be aware of:

- Kids meal are not equivalent to low calorie or low sat/trans fats
- Crispy chicken is deep-fried and not as healthy as grilled chicken
- Croissants and biscuits are high in saturated and trans fat
- Try to limit saturated + trans fat to 12-15 grams per day
- Limit the amount of dressing used on salads and choose flavors low in saturated fats.

[C: total calories per serving S: grams of saturated fat **T**: grams of trans fat] The "Better" Choices C S The "Worst" Choices C S T 240 2.5 5 English Muffin 170 1 **McDonalds** Biscuit 450 10 0.5 Egg Muffin 300 4.5 0 Sausage McMuffin with Egg Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit 440 8 5 Fruit 'n Yogurt Parfait 160 1 0 2 140 1.5 Apple Dippers with LF Caramel Dip 0 Hash brown 100 0 730 14 Regular Hamburger 260 3.5 0.5 Big Breakfast Hotcake and Sausage 770 9 Asian Salad with Grilled Chicken 290 | 1 0 Quarter Pounder with cheese 510 12 1.5 Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken 220 | 3 0 560 10 1.5 \*\* Avoid salad with crispy chicken 1.5 Big Mac 420 2 Premium Grilled Chicken 590 8 0 Premium Grilled Chicken 0 Club Sandwich Classic Sandwich French Fries (Large) 570 6 8 Fruit & Walnut Salad 310 | 2 0 420 5 2.5 Vanilla Reduced Fat Ice Cream Cone 150 2 McNugget (10) 0 380 3.5 2.5 Chicken Select Premium Breast Strips Strawberry Sundae 280 3.5 0 140 | 1 McFlurry with M&M 620 12 1 Oatmeal Raisin Cookie 1 Triple Thick Shake (32oz) 1160 16 2 Baked Apple Pie 250 3 4.5 Chicken McNuggets(6)+ 6 440 3.5 1.5 McDonald 650 5 Chicken McNuggets(6)+ Apple Dippers with Dip+1% White Milk Mighty French fries(s)+ soda or juice Kids Meal Double Cheeseburger+ Hamburger+Apple Dippers+ 14 5 7 850 430 1 French fries(s))+ soda or juice Apple juice 470 11 2.5 Burger Croissan'wich w/sausage, egg, cheese French Toast Kid's Meal 670 6 4.5 King 670 11 1.5 Whopper Hamburger 290 4.5 0 540 15 1.5 Bacon Double Cheeseburger BK Veggie Burger 420 2.5 0 Angus Bacon & Cheese 710 14 1.5 Whopper Jr. 370 6 0.5 Tender grill Chicken Salad Original Chicken Sandwich 660 8 2.5 220 3 Chicken Tenders (8pc) 340 5 3 Tender grill Chicken Sandwich w/ mayo 510 3.5 0.5 BK Fish Filet Sandwich 630 6 2.5 (X Tender crisp has 780cal, 8sat, 4 trans) Fries (med) 360 4.5 4.5 320 4 Onion Rings (med) 3.5 Hash browns(small) 230 4 5 Milkshake (large) 820 19 1 Hershey's Sundae Pie 300 10 1.5 Dutch Apple Pie 300 3 3

,	The "Worst" Choices	С	S	T	The "Better" Choices	С	S	T
Wendys	Classic Greek Pita	440	8	0	Fresh Stuffed Pitas	400	4	0
	Chili & Cheese	630	9	0	Mandarin Chicken Salad	550	3	0
	Chicken BLT salad	690	13	0	Caesar Chicken Salad	370	5	0
	Southwest Taco salad	705	17	1	Ultimate Chicken Grill Sandwich	360	1.5	0
	Big Bacon Classic	580	12	1.5	Roasted turkey& basil pesto Frescata	420	3	0
	Frescata Italiana	510	9	0	* great side selections except French			
	Home style chicken strips (3 ea)	410	3.5	3	fries (side salad, orange cup, LF			
	Fries (med) 440 cal, 3.5 sat, 5 trans	440	3.5	5	strawberry yogurt, baked potato, chili)			
Taco Bell	Big Bell Value Menu & Original	400	7	2.5	Any "15 Fresco Styles under			
	Chalupas, Burritos Averaging				10 Grams of fat"			
	Fiesta Taco Salad	860	14	5	Chicken or Steak Fajita Wrap	460	6	0
KFC	Rice w/gravy Bowl	770	8	4	Tender Roast Filet Meal	360	2	0.5
	Crispy Twister	670	7	3	Oven-roasted Twister	520	4	0
	Chicken Pot Pie	770	15	14	BBQ Flavored Chicken Sandwich	300	1	0.5
	Crispy BLT Salad	350	4.5	3	Roasted Caesar Salad	200	4.5	0.5
	Apple Pie	270		2.5	Pecan Pie	370	2.5	0
Dunkin'	Biscuit	120	3.5	8	Egg & cheese on English Muffin	240	4.5	0
Donuts	Croissant	170	4.5	7	Reduced Fat Blueberry Muffin	400	2	0
	Sausage,Egg,Cheese croissant sandwich	690	17	7	Blueberry Crumb Donut	240	3	0.5
	Glazed Cake Donut	350	5	4	Coffee Roll	270	3	0
	Powdered Cake Munchkin (4)	270	3.5		Sugar Raised Munchkin (7)	220	2.5	0.5
	Plain Cake Stick	420	7	5	16oz Coffee Coolata w/ skim milk	170	0	0
	16 oz Coffee Coolata w/ cream	410	14	0	Iced Coffee with milk and sugar(16oz)	80	0.5	0
	Vanilla Bean Coolata	440	15	1	Avocado & Turkey Sandwich	500	3	0
	Pastrami Supreme Sandwich	760	42	17				
Au Bon	Cinnamon scone	430	14	0	Oatmeal	150	0.5	0
Pan	Almond Croissant	570	15	0	* Yogurt blueberry with granola	140	2	0
	Raspberry Crumb Cake	770	16	0	French Onion Soup (med)	120	2	0
	Apple Strudel Danish	410	7	5	Chocolate Chip Cookie	260	5	0
	Chicken Caesar Salad	530	10	0	Tuna Garden Salad	400	(	0
	Chicken Vegetable Stew (med)	290	,	2.5	Chicken Noodle Soup (med)	140		
	Turkey Melt	1030		0	Mediterranean Chicken Wrap	570	2.5	0
Subway	Meatball Marinara	560	- 1	1	*Any Sub w/ " 6 Grams of Fat or Less"			
	Chicken & Bacon Ranch Sandwich	540		0.5	Oven Roasted Chicken Breast	330		0
	Spicy Italian	480	9	0	Subway Club	320	2	0
	Pastrami sub	579	9	0	Roast Beef	290	2	0
	Absolute Angus Steak	420	8	0	Honey Mustard Ham	290	2	0
	Italian BMT	450	8	0	Sweet Onion Chicken Teriyaki	370	1.5	0